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Report submitted by Luxembourg

Introduction

1. Luxembourg considers the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) to be the main instrument of the international non-proliferation regime and calls for its full and effective implementation. The NPT is founded on three pillars: non-proliferation, disarmament and peaceful uses. It plays a vital role in the maintenance and promotion of international peace and security.

Article I

2. Nuclear-weapon States have the obligation to deny any transfer of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices to States or non-State actors that may seek to acquire such weapons or devices. Effective implementation of article I by nuclear-weapon States is therefore essential to prevent further proliferation of nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices.

Article II

3. Luxembourg is committed to the principles of article II and reaffirms its position that non-nuclear-weapon States must not seek to acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. It also remains committed to its obligations under the Nuclear Suppliers Group and the Zangger Committee and continues to support the amendments to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material.

Article III

4. Luxembourg reaffirms that the international safeguards system of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is an essential part of the global nuclear non-proliferation regime. Furthermore, it believes that the Additional

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Protocol is an essential and integral part of this system and that its universal adoption and implementation should be strongly promoted. By the Act of 1 August 2001 ratifying the Additional Protocol on the strengthening of the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons designed to detect clandestine nuclear activities, Luxembourg ratified the above Protocol, which it hopes will become a condition for nuclear exports in the framework of the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

5. Luxembourg attaches great importance to reinforcing the implementation and effectiveness of the Treaty.

Article IX

6. Luxembourg deplores the fact that in January 2003 the Democratic People's Republic of Korea announced its intention to withdraw from the NPT and continues to urge that country to return to full compliance with its international non-proliferation obligations under the Treaty.

7. In accordance with the European Union's Common Position on the universalization and reinforcement of multilateral agreements in the field of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, adopted in November 2003, Luxembourg will work towards achieving all these objectives.